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Candlelighting: 8:21 pm

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Friday, May 15

6:50pm Early Mincha / Maariv
8:21pm Candlelighting
8:25pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, May 16

8:45am Shacharis
Kiddush is available for sponsorship
7:15pm Pirke Avos
8:15pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
9:30pm Maariv

Sunday, May 17

9:15am Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, May 18

8:00pm A Taste of Mussar and Chassidus – Mezricher Maggid (R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, May 19

8:00pm Tanna d'vei Eliyahu
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, May 20

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks – MISHLEI (R. Stoll)

Thursday, May 21

8:27pm Candlelighting
8:30pm Mincha
9:27pm Maariv
12:15am Overnight Learning

Torah Podcast

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Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

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Parsha: Bamidbar

The second year after the exodus from Egypt, G-d commanded Moshe to take a census of all the Jewish men eligible for the army, those over twenty years old.

Although the Jewish people had already been counted earlier the same year, Rashi explains that this census was meant to impress upon the Jewish people G-d's love and concern for them. A person counts and spends time with something that he loves and cherishes. The nation realized that G-d wanted them to be counted, each tribe by itself and each man by himself, in order to show how much He loves every Jew.

This was especially important after the sin of the Golden Calf, when the nation had fallen in disgrace before G-d. They needed the reassurance that G-d still loved them. For this reason the Levites were not counted. Since they did not sin by the Calf, they never needed that reassurance that the rest of the nation needed. (Although the Levites too would be counted later, it was for a different reason, to be able to redeem the firstborn Israelites who had sinned with the Golden Calf. Each firstborn needed

one Levite to redeem him. The Levites were actually counted from thirty days old and older.)

The sum total of the census was around six hundred thousand people. Considering the fact that this number was approximately the same as the number of Jews that had first left Egypt, it was a comfort to them. Despite G-d's anger and His punishment, they were not in any danger of being decimated. The camp was arranged in a quadrilateral shape, with the Levites and the Mishkan in the center. A group of three tribes camped on each side, with one of the tribes serving as a leader for each grouping.

Each of the tribes had its own specific place, and it would occupy that place throughout the forty years in the desert, in order for the nation to be able to function properly. This represented the unique mission of each tribe. Each of the tribes was also situated equidistant from the Tabernacle in the middle. This showed that no tribe was more important than another, and that only in conjunction with one another could they accomplish their mission as a whole unit together.

Mazel Tov

Dr. Scott and Debbie Peters upon the engagement of their son.

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in memory of Chaya Musha Zelda bas Dovid Mendel Mintz on the occasion of her yahrzeit.

Insights: Bamidbar

These are the generations of Aharon and Moshe... (Num 3:1) A *rebbe's* devotion to his students should be comparable to that of a parent's devotion to his child. A wealthy man once came to Rav Leizer Gordon to find a suitable husband for his daughter. He asked about a certain student and the Rosh Yeshiva excitedly told him, "That young man is a gem! He's my only son!" The father then asked about a different young man. "Oh him? He is also so special. He is my only son!" The man was puzzled and asked the Rosh Yeshiva, "I don't understand, how can they both be your only sons?" Rav Laizer turned to the man and said, "What don't you understand? In my yeshiva I have four hundred only sons!"

Did You Know?

The Rabbis prohibited eating bread that was made with either dairy or meat ingredients. They were concerned that since bread is often eaten at both types of meals, a person may accidentally eat the dairy bread with meat, or vice versa. If, however, only a small amount of bread is baked, where it will be consumed at one meal, one may eat the dairy or meaty bread. Also, if the bread is baked in a distinctive shape, such as a dairy croissant, it is permissible, as the shape will remind the person of its status.

Thought for the Week: Some lose soul to save face. (A Candle By Day)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

ERUV TAVSHILIN
CANDLELIGHTING 8:27PM
MINCHA 8:30PM
MAARIV 9:27PM
ALL-NIGHT LEARNING 12:15AM

FRIDAY MAY 22

SHACHARIS 1 5:15AM
SHACHARIS 2 8:45AM
EARLY MINCHA / MAARIV 7:00PM
EARLIEST CANDLELIGHTING 7:17PM
LATEST CANDLELIGHTING 8:28PM
MINCHA / MAARIV 8:30PM

SHABBOS, MAY 23

SHACHARIS 8:45AM
YIZKOR -10:45AM
NEILAS HACHAG 7:30PM
MINCHA & SHIUR 8:20PM
MAARIV 9:37PM